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SUBJ: GOG INVITATION FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND

RAILROAD INAUGURAL CEREMONY

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1. RECOMMEND THAT, ONCE DECISION TAKEN IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR DECEMBER 30 INAUGURAL CEREMONY FOR TRANSGABON RAILROAD, TELEGRAM BE SENT FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO PRESIDENT BONGO (EITHER THROUGH EMBASSY OR DIRECTLY WITH COPY TO EMBASSY) DESIGNATING PERSON CHOSEN TO REPRESENT U.S. AND EXTENDING CORDIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO PRESIDENT BONGO, WITH PASSING REFERENCE TO USEFUL AND FRIENDLY MEETING HELD BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS ON AUGUST 2.

2. REALIZE THAT PRESIDENTIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ARE NOT REPEATED NOT NORMALLY SENT ON ORDINARY BIRTHDAYS. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT COMBINATION OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S BIRTHDAY WITH INAUGURAL CEREMONY FOR TRANSGABON RAILROAD WARRANTS EXCEPTION. SEVERAL OTHER AMBASSADORS HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS SENDING BIRTHDAY WISHES ALONG WITH THEIR REPLIES TO INVITATION FOR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND DECEMBER 30 INAUGURAL CEREMONIES. SUCH MESSAGES ARE INVARIABLY CARRIED OVER LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO MEDIA AND PROVIDE USEFUL PROPAGANDA. DO NOT
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REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THAT EXTENDING BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

PRESIDENT BONGO THIS YEAR WOULD SET ANY PRECEDENT FOR
YEARS TO COME. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT TELEGRAM
WOULD COMBINE REPLY TO INVITATION TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE
ALONG WITH BIRTHDAY WISHES DO NOT BELIEVE THERE ANY
NEED TO DELAY TELEGRAM WHICH COULD BE SENT WHENEVER
DECISION REACHED IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING SELECTION OF
REPRESENTATIVE. FURTHER INQUIRIES HAVE REVEALED THAT
ONLY FRENCH AND FED WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES FROM
ABROAD.
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